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Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday. January 1, 1935

Snow.

New Year's Day.

On New Years Day we look back through 1934 which has been active and progressive

Cold weather and snow were ushered in today as well as 1935.

Because of weather conditions we expected business to be very quiet today but were pleased and surprised when it totalled sixty four dining room guests.

An Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, January 2, 1935

Overcast

Looking ahead to 1935, a little into the future, we hope for another successful year — bigger and better.

Every year thousands of visitors come to the Inn and take away pleasant memories of quaint New England atmosphere.

An Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, January 3, 1935.

Pleasant.

Business is quiet at this time of year. Each department starts taking their annual inventory which keeps it busy in spare moments after daily routine work is completed.

Ann Hastee

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, January 11, 1935.

Pleasant.

Dr. Maude Abbat of McGill University, Montreal, Canada came for luncheon today as a guest of Mrs. Paul White of Chestnut Hill, Mass. Dr. Abbat is a well known heart specialist and has written many books used in medical schools today.

Dr. Paul White, with whom wife Dr Abbat came, is a heart specialist in Boston.

An Hastings

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday, January 5, 1935

Pleasant

Dr Wadsworth of Framingham, Mass and thirteen friends came for dinner in the old kitchen tonight. It was intended to be a sleighing party but the snow disappeared too quickly through the day. The sleighing spirit remained with the group, however, who came in snow suits and outdoor togs. For tonight they are called the "Sleighless Sleighing Party."

An Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, January 6, 1935

Pleasant

Byron Family

Picture was taken on December 30, 1934 after Miss Andrea's birthday party. She is holding a box containing the remainder of her birthday cake.

A mild winter day! Most of our dinner guests at this time of year are old friends who come to enjoy the fireplaces and quietness of the house.

An Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, January 7, 1935

Overcast

Mr. James E. Baker of Concord came for luncheon today, the third time in exactly a week. He is eighty years old but yet young. Mrs. Ford has visited his home on Lexington Avenue, Concord.

Mr. Frank E. Gowan comes with Mr. Baker. He has worked for him for many years, a faithful employer and friend.

An Hostess.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday, January 8, 1935.
Pleasant.

Professor Schell was here again for dinner tonight. It was a small group, only five men, to their usual twelve or fourteen. Their routine was the same, however, whether a large or small gathering. It is needless to mention the doings of these men as they have been coming for years and call themselves "The Wayside Group."

Mr Hastings

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, January 9, 1935

Pleasant.

The housecleaning is going along very rapidly, the second and third floors completely done. Today the kitchen is being started. Progress in this room may be a little slower, there are so many small articles to be removed and scrubbed.

Rooms scheduled for tomorrow are the Washington dining room and bedroom.

Ann Hastes.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, January 10, 1935
Overcast and rain

The children's sewing classes have been postponed until the first of February. When Miss Fisher will be back. We miss smiling faces and cheery greetings from the youngsters on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Dancing classes, too, will start again on Friday, February first.

An Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, January 11, 1935

Pleasant

It was about five years ago that the Country Store was being moved on rollers from Sudbury Center to it's present location at the forks of the old and new Boston Post Road on the Marlboro side. The Grist Mill was well underway at that time and the laboratory nearly completed.

We look back and think how much has been accomplished in the past five years, we look ahead and wonder what the coming years will bring.

Ann Pastene

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday, January 12, 1935.

Pleasant

Dr. and Mrs. Hanson of Belmont came this afternoon "to enjoy the hospitality of the Inn." They have been coming for many years and so often tell stories of happenings long ago. They started coming when Mr. Lemon first owned Wayside Inn.

A Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins of Belmont and eleven relatives enjoyed a Sutchen dinner tonight making it a part of family reunion. The picture is gay, the fireplaces glowing, the visitors laughing heartily.

An Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, January 13, 1935

Pleasant

At noon we were busy today, a pleasant Sabbath Day at the Inn. There was no activity outside and even after dinner hours the old Inn seemed quiet. Guests in the house lingered close to the settles in the bar room or kitchen or in the large Queen Anne easy chair in the parlor.

The creak of the rattling old windows or the ticking of two old clocks broke the silence quite often. This homelike feeling on winter days is not often realized during our busy season.

Ann Hastings

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, January 1st, 1935

Pleasant.

For the past four or five days we have had ideal winter weather. The nights are cold, the days warmer, averaging 30 degrees above.

Today the thermometer dropped to 10 above, the coldest in many days. The weather has been surprisingly comfortable at this time of year.

Our Hostess

Wayside Inn Journal

Tuesday. January 15. 1935

Cold

To-day has been quite busy. twenty two people for luncheon. unusually good for this time of year.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Hammond from Rockport. Mass. stayed overnight and left this morning for Florida. They were delighted with the historic "Wayside Inn" and expressed a wish to return again.

Dr. Mead and Mr. Lomes from Winchester. Mass. stopped for luncheon to-day.
Dr. Mead is a frequent visitor and knew the Inn during Mr. Ames's time. He told us of some very interesting happenings at the Inn in the early days.

Wednesday. January 16. 1935.

Pleasant—Cold

This is a fine winter day. one of the finest.

The "Lap" room is undergoing the usual house cleaning.

Miss Muriel de Mille returned to her hostess work. after Enjoying two weeks vacation.

Wayside Inn Journal

Thursday. January 17. 1935

Snow

The weather man was right. When he predicted snow for to-day, as a light snow has been falling all day.

House cleaning continues. the parlor of the "Inn" is going thru the process of a thorough cleaning.

Two guests braved the storm and stopped for afternoon tea.

Friday January 18. 1935

Cold and Windy

In spite of the cold and wind. Eleven were here for meals and one visitor to go thru the house.

Each department of the "Inn" is busy, cleaning, painting. taking inventory and other numerous duties.

Mr. & Mrs. Bowker from Rochester. Mass. Are for dinner to-night, they are loyal Customers and come once a week for dinner

Wayside Inn Journal

Saturday. January 19. 1935

Continued cold. the temperature was around zero this morning.

A number of the boys with assistance of some of the men are working on the Josephine Pond cutting ice and then filling the ice house, the ice is the average thickness and very clear.

Difficult driving these days. very few people coming this way.

Sunday. January 20, 1935

During the morning a snow storm set in, lasting thru the afternoon, changing to rain.

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Ulrich were guests for dinner today. Dr. Ulrich teaches the Philosophy of History of Education at Harvard, in the Graduate school. They were charmed with the "Historic Inn" and the good eats. so are planning to return to spend the week-End.

Wayside Inn Journal

Monday. January 21. 1935

Rain and Fog.

A very quiet day, due to the weather conditions.

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas from Boston. Entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Walla Walla, Washington. They had luncheon served in the old kitchen, the table was placed in front of the fire place fire and they were thrilled with the idea of eating in the quaint kitchen. and expressed their appreciation for the privilege. Afterward they were shown thru the house and went away feeling repaid for a delightful afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary

Cloudy

Tuesday January 22, 1935.

Mr. James Baker of Concord. Mass. Inn for luncheon to-day. Mr. Baker is 82 years old and has never lost his Enthusiasm for Wayside Inn. He is an old time Customer and friend. We are always happy to welcome him.

Miss Ogden of Boston another congenial friend of the Inn brought friends for luncheon to-day.

Wayside Inn Diary

Cloudy & Cold 34°

Wednesday January 23. 1935

Snow to-day and continued snow all the evening. It looks as tho' it might turn into a blizzard before morning.

Our guests were not many to-day. Mrs Roger Wolcott and son Sawyer Welch who attends St. Mark's School came in for luncheon These guests are much attracted to the Inn and come every week.

Dr. and Mrs. Hanson from Belmont, Mass. were here for dinner to-night. Dr. Hanson's first acquaintance with the Inn was during college days at Harvard, several years ago.

Wayside Inn Diary

Snow

Thursday. January 24. 1935.

Perhaps to-day will be recorded as one of the whitest days of 1935. Eighteen inches of snow have fallen since Yesterday afternoon until noon to-day.

We are snowed in. "so to speak". The roads in the vicinity are not open and travel is practically at a standstill.

The men and boys have been shoveling and plowing all day long. some by hand and some working the plow.

The Redstone and Southwest Schools are closed on account of the severe storm.

Business is slow because of this unfortunate or we might say unwelcome weather.

Wayside Inn Diary

12° below - morning
10° above - afternoon

Friday January 25. 1935

It appears to have snowed. We are buried in it. Drifts piled high, making the old Wayside Inn very picturesque and more beautiful than any other time of year.

Our free men and boys are still busy shoveling and clearing roads.

No busses going on the Post Road. In spite of the weather conditions, four people from Worchester ordered dinner for 6:30 P.M. and did not arrive until 8:30 P.M. They were quite ready to eat when dinner was announced and our only guests to-day.

Wayside Inn Diary

Pleasant

Saturday January 26. 1935.

Much milder than Yesterday. The highways are passable, therefore people dare to venture out. Business picked up to-day as several were here for meals.

Everything is in readiness for the thirty-fourth Universalist Retreat. We are expecting the Ministers to arrive to-morrow and will stay at the Inn three days.

It is a great gathering for these noble, brilliant men and one of the outstanding Events in their lives. The one opportunity during the year to renew old friendships. The Retreat is an annual affair and the Ministers find it restful inspiring and Educational.

Tuyside Inn Diary

Cold.

Sunday January. 27. 1935.

Blue sky and sunshine.

To day, We welcome the Universalist Ministers to the Inn, for their thirty-third annual Retreat. Dr. Ely, Dr. Hammett and Dr. Sykes came early in the afternoon, the other "Fraters" as they call themselves, arrived later in the day, Making seven to stay overnight.

This question was asked on their arrival. How do you like the Weather? They replied, "Perfect conditions, ideal for Retreat, We prayed for it." So we know they are happy and satisfied.

After dinner, the seven spent the Evening in the bar room, where it is warm and cozy. They Enjoy Chatting and smoking to-gether.

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Sunday January 27. 1935. Continued.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe of Manchester. Mass. were here for dinner to-day. Mr. Howe is a grandson of Calvin Howe. who built the Calvin Howe House. not far from the Inn.

Miss Agnes Condon. returned to her work to-day. after an absence of several weeks on account of illness. She is much improved in health and ready for work again.

The blizzard and thick snow blanket has been hard on the birds. but Emma the Cook. who makes everybody happy by her good cooking is also thoughtful of the birds, and hands them out a bit of food two or three times a day.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday. January 27, 1935.

Pictures taken Thurs. Jan 24, 1935

WAYSIDE INN.

A CORNER of the DINING ROOM.

Sunday, Jan 27, 1935 Continued

Miss Cronin's car "Snowbound"

Plowing

Wayside Inn Diary

32° below Zero and bitter Cold.

Monday January 28. 1935.

The Ministers were down early for breakfast and all seemed so happy to be here. After breakfast, they gathered in the bar room to enjoy the cheerful fire and read the Morning papers, while waiting for the other members of their group to arrive.

The rest of the party were here in time for luncheon. Three of the oldest members, Dr. Tomlinson, Dr. Albin and Dr. Grey will not be here this year. They will be greatly missed.

At three o'clock the Ministers attended the tea to which Mrs. Spicer had invited them. They were transported to Mrs. Spicer's home in a four seated sleigh, drawn by four horses. This was a surprise and they jumped into the sleigh with laughter and glee and arrived at Mrs. Spicer's in time for tea. They were delightfully entertained and returned to

Monday January 28, 1935. Continued.
the Inn for the usual four o'clock Vesper service.
Six-thirty found them all enjoying a
delicious dinner. The remainder of the
Evening was spent in the large dining
room, with invited guests, the Wayside
Inn boys and their teachers. We were
shown pictures taken by Dr. Ely on his
trip around the World. He took us thru
China, Japan and India. These slides
were beautifully colored by the Japanese.
Dr. Ely - the Speaker - Made it a most
interesting and instructive lecture.

We all said "thank you" and "good night"
and felt we had spent a profitable evening.

Wayside Inn Diary

20° above.

Tuesday January. 29. 1935.

Some what warmer. occasional snow flurries.

Breakfast over. our Clergymen are congregated in the kitchen for their morning session – the total attendance reached 20. only 17 staying overnight.

Mr. Young invited the Clergy to the Dutton Lodge for luncheon. They Enjoyed seeing the boys again and had a nice visit with them.

At four o'clock. the Vesper Service was held in the parlor. this service lasts until six o'clock.

The customary kitchen dinner was served to Eighteen of the Retreat group. By the Sounds of hilarity coming from the kitchen, it was thoroughly Enjoyed.

A successful dancing party last year, brought their request for another. which took place at

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Tuesday January 29. 1935. Continued

Eight-thirty this Evening. Owing to the fact that a year had Elapsed, an Exhibition of old fashioned dances, featuring Quadrilles was put on by the Children of the Red Stone School and Boys School, with their partners.

Following was the Grand March and from that time until ten-thirty, one and "all tripped the light fantastic". This was the End of a perfect day.

Wayside Inn Diary

20° below zero.

Wednesday January 30-1935

Another cold day.

The Universalist Retreat closes this morning, much to our regret, as we have enjoyed having this fine group of men as guests of the Inn.

Much activity about the Inn this morning. We find a few huddled together, with last minute discussions, a few more words to say on important subjects.

As it neared ten o'clock, the Clergymen met in the old kitchen for the service of Holy Communion. Dr. Coons conducted the service and it was most impressive.

The Clergymen were very appreciative of all favors and hospitality extended to them during their stay at the Inn.

The Ministers go to their various homes, some leaving before noon and others after luncheon.

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Wednesday. January 30. 1935 Continued.
By me - thirty all had departed, not to be
with us as a group until January 1936.
May - God bless them - in their wonderful
work.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, January 31, 1935

Pleasant.
30° below zero.

The month of January just closed has been the coldest in fifteen years. For five days the temperature has been below zero reaching the lowest point today.

Sudbury, with a temperature of 36 below zero, recorded the lowest temperature noted in the town in 47 year. Proving that no matter how low the thermometer has gone it can always go lower.

A group of twelve pupils and teacher, the eighth grade of Sudbury Junior High School, came to see the Inn this afternoon arriving at the front door in a pung. A similarity perhaps to the arrival of guests in coaches.

Inn Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday. February 1, 1935

Pleasant
20° below zero.

Mrs. James Ward Thorne and Mrs. Newton Perry of Chicago visited today. Mrs. Thorne is well known because of her miniature copies of famous old rooms. They are perfect in every detail. Much of the furniture she makes herself. The miniatures measure about eighteen or twenty inches around and high. About twenty pieces of her work were exhibited at the World Fair in Chicago last year.

Ann Hastes

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday, February 2, 1935.

Pleasant 12° above.

What a delightful change in the weather! It is warmer today, a rise of about thirty degrees in temperature.

A little walk about and the person sees men chopping ice from the wheel and top of the grist mill, the oxen carrying wood and hays shoveling and clearing away the snow.

With so much snow and cold weather, the driving is still very unfavorable.

Ann Hastings

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, February 3, 1935

Pleasant.

Dr. and Mrs. Seaburn of Cambridge, Mass. came for dinner today with their two children and afterward hurried outdoors to enjoy skiing and sliding on the hill near the Ezekiel Howe barn. Boys and girls gathered to enjoy the tremendous snowfall of a week ago.

Ann Hastes

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, February 4, 1935

A.M. Overcast 38°
P.M. Sunny

Our "life size" geranium becomes more of an attraction each day. During warm weather it is placed out on the porch where guests may enjoy seeing it in bloom. In winter it is moved inside to a warmer and more even temperature.

Ann Hastes

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday, February 5, 1935

Pleasant - 5° below.

Miss Josephine Curtis of Perth, Australia was a visitor today. She is a member of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company of London England who are performing the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas at the Colonial Theatre in Boston.

Miss Betty Cooke of Bath, England was a guest at dinner tonight. Miss Cooke is in Boston, a contestant in the Women's Squash Racquets Tournament being held at the Harvard Club. She romped to an easy victory today helping to uphold England's end in the match.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, February 6, 1935

Pleasant - 12° below

Visitors at this time of year cannot appreciate one of our loveliest settings, the old fashioned garden.

It is covered with snow, a natural, glistening blanket of winter loveliness.

Ann Hastings

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, February 7, 1935

Pleasant - 20°

Thirty two degrees rise in temperature is a most welcome change. We look forward to a warmer week-end and perhaps a busier one.

During this cold and stormy weather we are not housing many overnight guests. To-night, however, we had the pleasure of having Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Lovell of Holyoke, Mass. When possible they like to come and enjoy the dear old Inn when quietness prevails.

Our Hostess

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, February 8, 1935

Snow - 30°

The Redstone and Southwest Schools had their weekly dancing class at the Inn this afternoon. The boys dancing class was held at the Inn tonight. It was the first boys' class since the beginning of the school year. The classes have been at Sutton Lodge.

Eight Wellesley College students and two chaperons had luncheon at noon. The group was taken through the house, stopped for a few minutes to watch the children dancing and then went outside to enjoy the school, mill and country store.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday, February 9, 1935

Pleasant. 40°

A little trip around and we find interesting items to note. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall are occupying the "Lastee cottage," vacating the Walker house until warmer weather. Visitors are always interested in watching the miller grinding at the mill. Recess finds our "Mary Lambs" playing in the snow at the Redstone school.

The snow is disappearing very rapidly. Sunny days the past week have melted the large snow piles left after shoveling. The roads are much clearer.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, February 10, 1935

Pleasant 37°

We have had over fifty guests at dinner today, the largest number in many days. We feel sure that the weather had much to do with it. Many young folks were among our visitors and were eager to "see everything."

The snow carnival was held on Ezekiel Howe hill today. This is an annual outdoor day for the boys from the school.

Rev. Roger E. Etz of Boston, one of our Universalist Ministers, sent snapshots of the Inn and surroundings taken during his

Sunday, Oct 10, 1935 Continued

retreat the last of January.

Pictures taken by Dr Etz

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, February 11, 1935

Pleasant 37°

At the Grist Mill

Scenery counts at the mill but our family of kittens attracts much attention. These fuzzy balls of fur may be seen jumping and running about during the day.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, February 13, 1935

Pleasant

Although we are well aware of the fact that the setting of the Inn is lovely, each day of winter brings forth new beauties of scenery.

Hop Brook
Feb. 1935

Waterfall at Mill
Feb. 1935

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday, February 12, 1935

Pleasant

"Lincoln's Birthday"

Even though business is quiet during the winter months there is still activity in and about the Inn. Our schools are a part of our most active work. Men are busy supplying wood, clearing away the snow and doing repair work where necessary.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, February 14, 1935.

Ice storm.

When winter is concerned, New England weather is most fickle. After many sunny days, ice and sleet covered the ground late this afternoon weighting down branches and trees covering roads with ice and making travelling very dangerous.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, February 15, 1935

Hardly anyone ventured out this morning without some sort of a tumble or a near tumble, before the sun finally appeared and melted the ice. It was beautiful tho' overhead, and the bushes and trees with their silvery coating of ice were more than likely the cause of these tumbles.

Miss de Mille returned this morning to her duties as hostess after an absence of two weeks. Miss Kerrigan will be away for the next two weeks, returning March 12nd

The boys from our Wayside Inn school came to the Inn in the evening for their dancing lesson.

Three well known guests visited the Inn today——

Mrs. Glenna Smith Turner who was manager for Mr. E. H. Sothern on his recital tour of the country in 1929 - 1932.

Miss Mildred Natwick also came. She is a character actress with "The Distaff Side" and is playing the part of the grandmother.

With them came Mr. Robert de Lanz, a New York actor, who at the present time is director of dramatics in the Elizabeth Peabody Play House, Boston.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday. February 16, 1935

Frank W. Chipman

SANDWICH, Feb. 4—Funeral services for Frank W. Chipman, 62, native of this town and an authority on rare Sandwich glass, who died here, will be held at his home Wednesday. Burial will be in the Sandwich cemetery.

Son and grandson of Sandwich glassmakers, Mr. Chipman was one of the few men who knew the story of Sandwich glass. His advice was sought by hundreds of collectors. From far and wide, lovers of old glass brought their pieces to him for proof of their authenticity.

We were sorry to read of the death of Mr. Frank W. Chipman who has been a visitor here. A few years ago he sent us a very interesting article which he had written, and all who have read "The Romance of Sandwich Glass" have gained much valuable information from it.

Mr & Mrs. Bowker of Worcester who come practically every Saturday for dinner, came again tonight with two guests and were served dinner in the old kitchen.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, February 17, 1935

We are having a very heavy wet, snow storm, and the roads are treacherous.

Dr. & Mrs. Dearborn and small daughter of Cambridge who come often, skidded on the slippery road on their way to the Inn and had a narrow escape from a serious accident.

Two of the boys from our school are taking advantage of the stormy day to look thru our photograph albums. They are interested in pictures showing construction work on Inn property, but by the sudden outbursts of laughter we hear, we think they have found something beside pictures of construction work to interest and amuse them.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Monday, February 18, 1935

Men started work today ripping up the cement floor in our modern kitchen, and before the day was over they had placed some of the round steel rods for reinforcement.

While this work is being done, kitchen routine has to be carried on as usual, and the little room near the boiler room which was used for canning last summer is being used.

Word was received today of the death of Mr. A. K. Jackson a former employee, at his home in Union Maine. He has been in poor health for many months.

A telegram of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Jackson from her many friends at the Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday, February 19, 1935.

Snow Flurries.

The men have made great headway in the large kitchen, some ripping up old cement and others pouring the new.

Mr. Blandy of Watertown came in today for a few minutes. He is a state visitor, and often comes in when he has been visiting some of his charges who live near by.

Post **GLASS ANDIRONS**

Glass for ornamental and utilitarian purposes about the home has always been in demand, but there are indications that it is soon to play a greater part than ever before. In New York an exhibition is to be held at which such novelties as glass andirons will be a feature. Moreover, a glass hearth—made of heat-resisting tile—will be on display. Fluted glass tubing for use as a concealed radiator grill, and other oddities in glass, will be on view. It sounds most interesting. Anything that will bring a touch of newness and sparkle into the home is always welcome.

The glass novelties are of course interesting, but who could wish for anything so modernistic when there are such nice old andirons to be copied—the Hessians, the little iron ones with brass balls on the top, or the andirons having hooks to hold the spit rod. No doubt a story could be told about every pair of them. We hope the glass ones will bring that touch of newness and sparkle into the modern home, but we still prefer the old iron ones.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday, February 20, 1935

Fair.

About one third of the kitchen floor has been completed. Friday being a holiday promises to be a busy one, and in order to prepare meals without confusion, the cement pouring has been postponed until Monday. Tomorrow Mr. Hall will connect the steam table and other equipment necessary for kitchen activities.

The little red building!

The little red building across the street was filled a short time ago with the overflow of ice from Josephine pond. Guests have always been very curious about this little building.

For a few minutes this afternoon we had a very heavy fall of snow. It seemed like a summer thunder shower coming up, it grew so very dark, and then it was over.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, February 21, 1935

Nothing outstanding happened today, but during the noon hour we had quite a little flurry of business.

The checking of books in the library was completed this afternoon and every book accounted for. This part of the inventory is far too fascinating to hurry, for who could pass by an old, beautifully bound book without turning a few pages?

Mr. Donald Burbank

with

Wayside Inn Oxen

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, February 22, 1935

Washington's Birthday.

February 22nd seems to be a popular day for birthdays and today congratulations are due ex-Governor Joseph B. Ely on his fifty-fourth. Names of two distinguished American poets also appeared in the birthday list. James Russell Lowell is one, and the late Frank L. Stanton is the other. Mr Stanton was the author of the poem beginning:

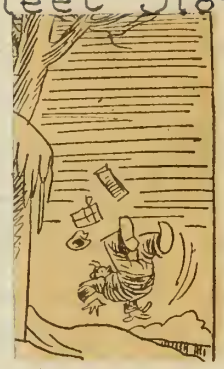
Jest a-wearyin' fer you—
All the time a-feelin' blue;
Wishin' fer you—wonderin' when
You'll be comin' home again;
Restless—don't know what to do—
Jest a-wearyin' fer you!

We have been fairly busy and over one hundred guests were served meals. The menu looked tempting. We served the usual steak and chicken, and being Friday, we also served broiled swordfish, and a very special dinner of roast turkey which appealed to many.

We are expecting overnight guests tonight.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday, February 23, 1935.


Sleet Storm

Mr. + Mrs Hunter of Hunter's Lodge, Natick, brought as their guest today Mrs. J. C. Yingling of Toledo, Ohio, in honor of her 76th birthday.

Mrs. Yingling's son-in-law is Mr Raymond Knight nationally known radio entertainer. At the present time he is broadcasting for the Wheatina Co.

Mr. + Mrs. John Richardson and young son John Jr. of Canton, Mass. were overnight guests last night.

It was rather a poor morning to walk, but the Richardson family decided to visit the mill, and when they returned, were carrying two of the familiar, white, five pound bags of meal.

They had luncheon with us and started on their way about 2:30 PM.

Mr. + Mrs. T. S. Jamieson of Newton entertained in our old kitchen tonight, and regardless of the icy roads, arrived promptly. They were served the usual roast beef dinner cooked on the spit, and there were seven in the party.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday, February 24, 1935.

We were planning to hold our Sunday School class in the small ballroom this morning but owing to the icy weather, it was thought advisable to postpone it.

Mr. Kaufman, a frequent visitor, came for dinner today with guests. We are told he sold many of the pieces we have here in the Inn to Mr. Ford.

After a recent storm this picture was taken to show the icicles, and the thrifty little geranium makes a pretty silhouette.

We think it is very good considering the camera was facing the dazzling snow.

Wayside Inn Diary.

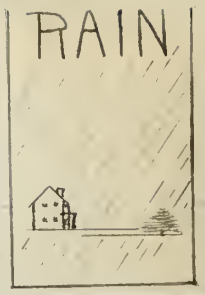
Monday, February 25, 1935.

The Southwest and Redstone Schools opened this morning after a weeks vacation.

Miss Barbara Brown, teacher in the little red school, came in as usual at eight o'clock to bring in our daily papers and to get her LARGE key from our key rack.

Mr. Jackson who is owner of a chain of restaurants came to the Inn last week for dinner.

He has bought an old house dating back to 1700, situated on the Boston & Worcester Turnpike in Framingham Centre, and expects to open it to the public in the spring. Our rival, "The 1812 House", located not far from the one bought by Mr. Jackson, may find a few of their patrons straying toward it, for it is well known to many, having been the home of Mr. Butler, a well known artist.



Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday, February 26, 1935.

Mr + Mrs. F. L Wood of Denver, Col. were guests today for the first time, and their exclamations proved they were fascinated. There were also guests from Minnesota.

Mr. Ralph Sennott from the Somerville Branch of the Ford Motor Co. has been spending considerable time here while work is being done in the Cabin How House, and here in the Inn.

The cement floor in the kitchen was finished today.

Mrs. Modjeska and Mr. Provan must find it a very peaceful place, after the noisy days of pounding, and the scraping of shovels over stones.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday, February 27, 1935.

Clearing at noon

Today is the anniversary of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's birth and as in former years we paid our respects to the beloved poet by placing a wreath on his grave in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

The wreath was beautiful, as always, and was made by Mr. Forstrom who gathered the following list of greens from the woods nearby:

Douglas Fir
American Yew
Pine (red and white)
Cedar " "
Arborvitae
Pussy Willow
Sumac
Laurel
Hemlock
Spruce (Norway. Whi
Birch Cone
Alder Cone
Juniper

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday, February 28, 1935.

Very few school groups are coming these cold winter days, and we miss the excitement which comes to all of us when we see a big bus filled with children, stopping at the door.

Today a small group of boys and girls came with their teacher, Miss Loretta Kiernan, from Dracut Grammar School. These little children were all honor students, having earned the trip to the Inn by faithful study.

This afternoon sixteen ladies stepped out of shiny new Ford cars from the Malden Motor Company, and came in for tea. They were all members of the Steadfast Club.

These trips seem to create a great deal of interest and often after women have been here as guests of a motor company, private parties have been arranged.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, March 1, 1935.

The stormy March has come at last
With winds and clouds and changing skies;
I hear the rushing of the blast
That through the snowy valley flies

- Bryant -

Dancing classes were held here in the large dining room as usual this afternoon for the little Redstone School children, and children from the Southwest School. We think they are dancing very well.

The boys' classes were held this evening.

Often before classes start we hear clear young voices coming from the direction of the diningroom. The boys love to sing, and there is nothing sweeter than young voices.

Usually at this time they also make their requests for favorite waltzes to be played during the evening.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday, March 2, 1935.

We are all looking forward to Miss Doris Kerrigan's return to the Inn this noon. She has been away for two weeks, and we hope she is as anxious to come back, as we are to have her.

Miss Helen Heard left this morning to visit her brother in Ballston Spa, and then on to her home in Watkins Glenn, N. Y. She plans to be away during the month of March.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, March 3, 1935

Pleasant.

A surprisingly busy day! We were busiest from one until five o'clock. Sixty seven dinners and thirty one teas were served and many people went through the Inn. We had nearly 150 guests throughout the day.

Every Sunday afternoon at four on the dot two guests arrive. Mrs. Arnold and her granddaughter come, one for tea and the baby girl for ice cream. We look for them each week and we are seldom disappointed. They come at every opportunity.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, March 4, 1935

Pleasant.

Signs of spring arise each day. Our first baby lamb was born today at the Lamson barn, rabbit tracks appear near the gate house and snow drops have pushed their way through the snow and are blossoming.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Patch of Stoneham, Mass. had luncheon today. They were observing their thirtieth wedding anniversary. Five years ago they came on their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday March 5, 1935.

Today marks the 165th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. In the bar room of the Inn, over the settle near the fireplace, hangs an original picture of the massacre painted by Paul Revere.

Mr. C. S. Fletcher of Stow, Mass and a party of forty one came for dinner tonight. Steve Bray's orchestra had been hired by Mr. Fletcher and they danced until midnight enjoying immensely the old fashioned dances, waltzes particularly.

Mark Anniversary Today Of the Boston Massacre

The city of Boston will join today with the state government and the National Equal Rights League in an observance of the 165th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Mayor Mansfield and Lieut.-Gov. Joseph Hurley will participate in exercises to be held at noon at the Crispus Attucks monument on Boston Common. Previous to the program on the Common, the National Equal Rights League will hold exercises at State and Congress streets, scene of the Boston massacre, and in the hall of flags in the State House.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday March 6, 1935

We were pleased to receive pictures this week from one of the Universalist Ministers They were taken on Tuesday Jan 28, 1935 as they were leaving Mrs. Spicer's home after a tea party.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday March 7, 1935

Overcast - Snow in Evening

Mr Ralph Jones of Weston, Mass was a guest at luncheon today. He is very much interested in the Inn and sold Mr. Ford eight winsor chairs which are being used in the old dining room. Mr. Jones has an old house in Weston built about 1750.

We were sorry to hear today that John Mundy, one of our oldest employees, was injured by an automobile while crossing the street in Framingham Centre. He is handicapped because he is without hearing and nearly blind.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, March 8, 1935

Pleasant.

Mr. Charles B. Dickerson of Fitchburg, Mass. celebrated his 81st birthday today and in his honor a group of nine people gathered in our old kitchen for dinner tonight. The party included his two sons and their wives, his two daughters and their husbands. Mrs. J. B. Jamieson of Newton Centre made all arrangements for the party. After dinner they enjoyed watching our boys who were here for their weekly dancing class.

The Redstone and Southwest schools had classes this afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday, March 9, 1935

Pleasant.

Time passes quickly. Little do we realize that before many days winter will be passed. Today proved that old saying, "Spring is just around the corner." We were very busy this afternoon. Seventy-one guests were served through the day. Many people were sight seeing, out pleasure riding during this beautiful weather.

The evenings are still quiet. If the weather continues as it has been our tourist season will have an early beginning.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, March 10, 1935.

Showery - 40°

Among our visitors today was Mrs. Gertrude Cleveland, manager of Intervale Manor, Quinebaug, Conn.

INTERVALE MANOR Quinebaug, Conn.

We have been quite busy today. City folks are delighted to come to the Inn, wander about the grounds and then enjoy dinner in the quaint atmosphere of the old Red Horse Tavern.

INTERVALE MANOR

Quinebaug, Conn.

Mrs. Gertrude O. S. Cleveland and
Miss Julia E. Converse, Managers.
Tel. Putnam, Conn., 626-13
Webster, Mass., 34R
Providence and Springfield Pike
Quinebaug, Conn.

No matter in which direction you come, the Intervale Manor is a real home.

The Manor itself is a fine old fashioned structure built about half a century ago and pleasingly constructed.

Its location is ideal for its guests inasmuch as these come from all directions, and indeed the Manor's guest register contains names from sections all over the East and many from far distant points as well.

Five miles from Webster and six from Southbridge, Mass., 12 from Putnam, Ct., 42 from either Springfield, Mass., or Providence, R. I., and 62 miles from Hartford, Ct., and an equal distance from Boston, Mass., with excellent State roads in every direction. No wonder motorists enjoy their trips to the Manor, especially when they can have, en route, the anticipation of a perfect meal at their journey's end.

The food? To start with there is a chicken salad luncheon that is about perfection, chicken dinners, the tenderest of steaks broiled in such a skillful manner that the juices are retained. Nothing quite takes the place of a fresh-killed broiler, or a thick juicy beef steak out of the tenderloin of a cornfed steer. The mere thought of it gives an appetite for dinner—a full course dinner with the soup and the salads, fresh asparagus, green peas or beans and a blueberry pie, à la mode, or strawberry shortcake. Home cooked dinner rolls, popovers, nut bread, and their inimitable cakes, or one of their dainty desserts for which the place is famed, complete the dinner. The home-made pies are more than worthy of special mention, and these golden crusted favorites are filled to capacity with fresh fruits, sugared and spiced to a proper consistency.

Vegetables from their own garden, and to top off with, a cup of coffee served with heavy cream, that is, at any time, worth miles of travel, and as for a second cup, well put this down for it is well worth remembering, there is no extra charge!

Piping hot waffles, just from the griddle, served with creamed chicken, is another appreciated feature of the Manor.

The Intervale Manor can accommodate about 40 guests for luncheon or dinner, and this service includes a main dining room, two private dining rooms, and a porch service. The porch service is particularly enticing and the tables are tastefully decorated in individual colorings with the luncheon or dinner service in complete harmony with the napery.

In the Gift Shop are linens from the Stevens' Linen Works, a concern that has operated steadily since 1864, woolens from the Intervale Mills, Inc., which include men's and women's suiting and coatings in fancy patterns. In addition are to be seen a varied assortment of fancy and useful gifts, and novelties of all sorts. Pewter, pottery, jewelry, hand woven shawls, infants' Afghans, miniature furniture in maple and mahogany, and last but by no means least, home-made peanut and marshmallow fudge, the goodness of which has made many additional patrons for this Gift Shop. A splendid assortment of home-made chocolates are likewise to be found here.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, March 11, 1935.

Pleasant - 11°

There were very few guests in the house today. Monday passed quietly and uneventfully.

The first born —

March 4, 1935.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday, March 12, 1935

Rain - 54°

March fifth marked the seventh anniversary of the Wayside Inn Boys School. It is pleasant to remember these dates, to realize how the school has grown, to see what has been accomplished in its' first seven years. It has fulfilled its' purpose in graduating each year young men, capable and efficient.

Boys pausing for cameraman
March 1935

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, March 13, 1935

Snow clearing 40°

"Every pine and fir and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an Earl,
And the poorest twig on the elm
tree
Was ridged inch deep with pearl."

It was like fairy land
this morning but fairy land
disappeared shortly after ten
o'clock when the sun caused
every snowflake that had
gathered in the night to disappear.

Wednesday Mar. 13, 1935 Continued.

Pictures taken

March 13, 1935

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday, March 14, 1935.

Pleasant 36°

Once again we are serving afternoon tea to guests of the Malden Motor Co. Today a group of sixteen ladies arrived at two thirty. They were from the Willing Workers Bible Class, Malden, Mass.

A large old brown jug, filled with pussy willows, sets on the gate leg table in the parlor. Pussy willows are not colorful, perhaps even dull in appearance, but the softness of them brings out beauty.

Buds are showing signs of spring. Comments for out-of-doors seem favorable and plenty.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, March 15, 1935

Overcast 33°

Today started in a busy way. At nine o'clock this morning our sixteen "lambs" from the Redstone School arrived with their teacher prepared to hear everything about the Inn. They were most interested and left with splendid ideas for compositions when Miss Brown asks for them.

Thirty five boys and girls and their teacher, Miss Lucy C. Pollay, came this morning from the Robbins School, grade five, Waltham, Mass.

An old kitchen dinner was served to nine people tonight who were guests of Mr. William Hart

Friday, Mar. 15, 1935 Continued

of Wellesley, Mass. After dinner the groups enjoyed watching the boys dancing class in the large dining room.

The Redstone and Southwest school children came for classes this afternoon. Every Friday brings joy to these young folks who enjoy their weekly class.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday, March 16, 1935

Pleasant - 54°

Sixty guests were served today and several groups showed through. It was the first real active week day for sometime.

We offer much entertainment to people coming on their first trip. Their actual visit includes seeing the Inn, stage coaches, Mary Laut school, country store and the boys school.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, March 17, 1935

Pleasant 30°

St. Patrick's Day brought forth sunshine and a lot of guests. One hundred and thirteen meals were served and many went through the Inn.

Our week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass. left this afternoon well satisfied with a delightful visit, part of which was spent hiking to the mill, schools, reservoir and Nobscot Mountain

Sunday. Mar. 17, 1935 Continued

After the Storm - March 13, 1935.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, March 18, 1935.

Mr. Coulter spotted the first robin of the year today hopping here and there out near the woodshed. It was a coincidence. We were discussing signs of spring appearing, new signs every day, but no one had seen a robin. Mr. Coulter walked from the parlor to the end of the lower hall. Curiosity prompted him to look out the window and this time there was Mr. Robin Redbreast, the first one seen near the Inn this year.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday, March 19, 1935

Pleasant.

At the Lawson barn five baby lambs were born today including one set of twins. There are now seven new lambs in our fold. They seem quite contented as the mother stops to wash their fuzzy coat of wool. Our fields will be well filled with little "sheep" baa-ing away during the summer sunshine.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday, March 20, 1935.

Five Worcester Academy students and an instructor visited the Inn this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lincoln of Rye, New York came this afternoon to stay overnight. During the evening they visited Wellesley College where their daughter is a student.

Sixty six guests were served today.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday, March 21, 1935.

Snow in morning
Rain in afternoon

First Day of Spring.

A rainy, dull day. Guests, however, found the Inn cozy and bright with fires aglow in the fireplaces and flowers giving forth a cheery, warm atmosphere.

Two special parties were served today. Sixteen ladies came for tea as guests of the Malden Motor Company. The group represented the Rebecca Pomroy Tent No. 44 Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War.

An old kitchen dinner was served to eight bankers and their wives. A large cake in

the shape of a bank was placed in front of the new bank commissioner. Mr. Arthur Guy of Framingham Centre was the retiring bank commissioner and is now president of a Worcester bank.

The party was most successful in retiring the one and welcoming the other.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, March 22, 1935

Pleasant.

Professor Melton Fisher of Worcester came today to make arrangements for groups of school children, thirty five usually, to visit the Inn on Saturday mornings for the next eight or ten weeks.

Mr. Lee returned to work today and is busy planting in the old fashioned garden. One would hardly believe it possible but today Mr. Duggan was shoveling away a huge snow bank at the back of the Inn at the same time that Mr. Lee was planting.

Mr and Mrs. John S. Stewart

Friday, Mar. 22, 1935 Continued

and two daughters, Joan and Patricia, of Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania are now occupying the Jenks room and planning to stay with us until next Thursday. During this time they will visit Concord, Lexington, and Boston and have made arrangements for a sight seeing trip practically every day during the coming week. The children are amazed and thrilled and waiting for more excitement each day!

The dancing classes were at Dutton Lodge today.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday March, 23 1935.

The "Every Saturday Club" of Newtonville, Mass. gathered in the small dining room at six fifteen for their mid winter party. Many ladies and gentlemen were in costume. Mrs. Joseph W. Willey, a charter member was presented flowers at dinner. This is a literary club founded in 1870 and limited to forty members. This year they are studying the Concord group of authors. Mrs. Gorham Harris is president, Mr. Stewart M. Hill, vice-president and Miss Marion D. Bassett, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dr Masher of Chestnut Hill, Mass. was host tonight at a dinner party

Saturday Mar 23, 1935 Continued

of twenty four in the old kitchen. Dr. Mosher is giving a course in head anatomy and the group was pupils taking his course and all but one were out-of-state doctors.

A check up on the register today showed visitors from eighteen different states and Japan and Canada.

The states were:-

Massachusetts
Maryland
New York
Maine
Wisconsin
Missouri
Washington
New Hampshire
Connecticut
Rhode Island
Minnesota
California
North Carolina
New Jersey
Louisiana
Georgia
Nebraska
Ohio

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, March 24, 1935.

Pleasant.

Today has been a record day! One hundred and twenty three meals were served and over one hundred and twenty five guests shown through the house. From noon until three o'clock was busiest in the dining room. From four until six many sight seers came. The people today seemed especially interested in the traditions and history of the Inn.

We had visitors today from Daniel Webster's birthplace, Franklin, N. H. The desk in the parlor is one he used while at Dartmouth.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, March 25, 1935.

Mr. Roscwell Blandy of Watertown is one of our frequent luncheon guests. He is a "state visitor" to some of our school boys and is in the vicinity of the Inn very often through the week. It is unusual to see Mr. Blandy without his dog.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday, March 26, 1935.

Pleasant. Very windy.

March winds have been blowing almost steadily and today was a typical March day. The sky was cloudless, the sun shone warm and bright but the piercing winds made it cold.

A group of six students and their school principal, Miss Florence M. Kidder, visited the Inn this afternoon. The seven eight were from Brookside Junior College, East Taunton, Mass.

Some interesting guests came for dinner this evening, a father and son from Amsterdam, Holland. The son has recently

Tues. March 26, 1935 Continued.

graduated from Harvard University, his father is touring this country and they are perfectly charmed with American people, the country and hospitality. At present they are guests of Boston people.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday, March 27, 1935

Pleasant.

The Malden Motor Co. is again "in the limelight." Today their sixteen tea guests were from the Resolute Rebekah Lodge of Malden.

Mrs. Caroline S. Woodruff and Miss M. Marcella Jackson were overnight guests tonight. Mrs. Woodruff is the principal and Miss Jackson teacher of dramatic art at the State Normal School in Castleton, Vermont.

It has been a busy day. Seventy-nine guests were served.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, March 28, 1935

Overcast

Among our guests today was a Mrs. Burgess of Dedham who is now living in an old house built in 1750 by Lord Timothy Dexter's son. She has some lovely old wall paper which different museums have offered to buy. The Burgess family has lived in this house for five generations.

We were sorry today to say goodbye to the Stewarts who have been house guests at the Inn since last Friday. It was the first visit for the children and, according to their enthusiastic remarks, a satisfactory one.

Thurs. Mar. 28, 1935 Continued.

The children expressed a desire to spend the summer here in preference to the seashore.

At 7:15 a.m. they started for home, Huntington Valley, Pa.

Mr and Mrs. Stewart
Joan and Patricia

Joan and Patricia

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, March 29, 1935.

Another sign of spring is sap buckets hung on a row of maple trees up near the Calvin Howe house. The boys have tapped many trees along the highway and a good variety of cans has been used to catch the sap.

MARCH 22, 1935

A thousand baby chicks, Rhode Island reds, arrived at the poultry farm today.

Seems good to see Mr. Lee again! Here he is digging a trench in which to plant sweet peas.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday Macch 30, 1935.

Pleasant

The setting of the grist mill is always picturesque. In winter it is lovely with huge icicles dropping from the large mill wheel and the frozen waterfall is most attractive. In summer there is even more to make it beautiful, a large field of green grass stretching in front, tall trees shading the land and highway and last of all the sheep grazing in the field nearby. Visitors during the entire year stop to view the mill and often take pictures of it.

The evening was very busy, nearly fifty guests were served after five o'clock. 78 meals were served today.

Sat. March 30, 1935 Continued.

Pictures of the Inn and Gate House March 22, 1935.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, March 31, 1935

Pleasant.

There were many guests throughout the house today. It has been sunny and pleasant.

A group of eight men came to see the Inn shortly before noon. They were from Omaha, Nebraska and are staying in Boston. All are connected with the New England Life Insurance Co who are this week observing their 100th anniversary in Boston.

Saturdays and Sundays always bring a number of children to see the Inn. Many of them are interested in everything and very often much more than their elders.

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